



2019 VCAA Math Methods Exam 2 (NHT) Solutions

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	B	D	A	A	D	D	D	C	C

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
E	D	E	A	B	E	B	B	C	C

Q1 $\log_e x$ is defined for $x > 0$ **B**

Q2 **B**

Q3 $f(-a) = 8(-a)^3 - 14(-a)^2 - a^2(-a) = 0, -7a^3 - 14a^2 = 0$
 $a = -2$ **D**

Q4 $y = 2 - \frac{11}{4+x}$ **A**

Q5 $b = \frac{2}{13}, E(X) = 2\left(\frac{3}{5} - \frac{2}{13}\right) + 3\left(\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{13}\right) = \frac{76}{65}$ **A**

Q6 $f(f(x)) = (x^2 + 1)^2 + 1 = \frac{185}{16}, (x^2 + 1)^2 = \frac{169}{16}, x^2 + 1 = \frac{13}{4},$
 $x^2 = \frac{9}{4}, x = \frac{3}{2}$ **D**

Q7 $m = \int_1^3 \frac{2}{x} dx = 2 \log_e 3 = \log_e 9, \therefore e^m = 9$ **D**

Q8 $y = -\frac{m-1}{2} + 1$ and $y = -\frac{3}{m}x + \frac{k}{m}$
 Infinitely many solutions when $\frac{k}{m} = 1$ and $\frac{3}{m} = \frac{m-1}{2}$
 $m = -2$ or 3 and $k = -2$ or 3 respectively. **D**

Q9 $\Pr(RGR) + \Pr(GRG) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{10}$ **C**

Q10 $\int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} f(x) dx = 1, \int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} k(18x^4 + 9x^3 - 8x^2 - 4x) dx = 1,$
 $k = -\frac{405}{308}$ **C**

Q11 **E**

Q12 $-(y+3) = \sqrt{2x+1} \rightarrow y' = \sqrt{x'}$
 $\therefore x' = 2x+1, y' = -(y+3) = -y-3,$
 $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+1 \\ -y-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ **D**

Q13 $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12(b-2)x + 18 = 0,$ two solutions when $\Delta > 0,$
 $(-12(b-2))^2 - 4(3)(18) > 0, (b-2)^2 > \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$ **E**

Q14 $x > 0, y > 0, \frac{x^2}{x+2} = y, x^2 - yx - 2y = 0, x = \frac{y + \sqrt{y^2 + 8y}}{2}$ **A**

Q15 $\int_4^{10} 3f(x-2) dx = 3 \int_4^{10} f(x-2) dx = 3 \int_2^8 f(x) dx = 9 \log_3 13$ **B**

Q16 $g(f(x)) \approx -\frac{1}{f(x)} \approx -\frac{1}{(x-1)^2 + 1}, g(f(0)) \approx -\frac{1}{2}$ **E**

Q17 $\cos x - \frac{3}{8} \rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi x}{4} - \frac{3}{8} \rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \left(\cos \frac{\pi x}{4} - \frac{3}{8} \right) \rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \left(\cos \frac{-\pi x}{4} - \frac{3}{8} \right)$
 $\rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \left(\cos \frac{-\pi x}{4} - \frac{3}{8} \right) + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4}{3} \cos \frac{\pi x}{4} + 1$ **B**

Q18 x-intercept: $2^{x-1} = 8, x = 4;$ y-intercept: $y = \frac{15}{2}$
 Shade region area = $\int_0^4 (8 - 2^{x-1}) dx - \frac{1}{2} (4) \left(\frac{15}{2} \right) = 17 - \frac{15}{2 \log_e 2}$ **B**

Q19 $\hat{p} = \frac{0.6668 + 0.8147}{2} = 0.74075$
 $0.74075 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.74075(1-0.74075)}{n}} = 0.8147, n \approx 135$ **C**

Q20 $f(0) = b^5 = 1, \therefore b = 1, f(x) = (ax+1)^5, f'(x) = 5a(ax+1)^4$
 $\therefore f'(0) = 5a, g'(1) = \frac{1}{f'(0)} = \frac{1}{5a}$ **C**

SECTION B

Q1a $(x-1)^2(x+2)^3 - (x-1)^3(x+2)^3 = 0,$
 $(x-1)^2(x+2)^3(1-(x-1)) = 0, x = 2, y = (2-1)^2(2+2)^3 = 64$
 $\therefore c = 2$ and $d = 64$

Q1b $f(x) > g(x)$ for $x \in (-\infty, -2)$

Q1bii Let $2xe^{-x^2}(1-x^2) = 0, x = -1, 0, 1$ where stationary points are.
 The same maximum value occurs at $x = -1, 1, y_{\max} = \frac{1}{e}.$

Q1ci $f'(x) > 0$ for $x \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) \cup (1, \infty)$

Q1cii $g'(x) > 0$ for $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup \left(-2, -\frac{1}{5}\right) \cup (1, \infty)$

Q1d $f(-2-m) = (-3-m)^3(-m)^3 = m^3(3+m)^3$
 $f(1+m) = m^3(3+m)^3, \therefore f(1+m) = f(-2-m)$ for all m

Q1e $g(x+h) = (x+h-1)^2(x+h+2)^3, h-1 \leq 0$ and $h+2 > 0$
 $\therefore h \leq 1$ and $h > -2,$ i.e. $-2 < h \leq 1$

Q1f $f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6, k > \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6,$ i.e. $k > \frac{729}{64}$

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Q2a Amplitude = 16 km/h, period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{14}} = 28$ min

Q2b Max = 20 + 16 = 36 km/h, min 20 - 16 = 4 km/h

Q2c $v(60) = 20 + 16 \sin \frac{60\pi}{14} \approx 32.5093$ km/h

Q2d Average value = $\frac{\int_0^{60} \left(20 + 16 \sin \frac{\pi t}{14}\right) dt}{60} \approx 20.45$ km/h

Q2e $v_1(60) = v(60) \approx 32.5093$

Solve $28 + 18 \sin\left(\frac{\pi(60-k)}{7}\right) \approx 32.5093$ for smallest $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$,
 $k \approx 3.4358$

Q2fi $28 + 18 \sin\left(\frac{\pi(t-31.4358)}{7}\right) > 38$, $t > 60.748$, $t \approx 60.75$

Q2fii $v_1 > 38$ for $t \in (60.748, 65.123)$, period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{7}} = 14$,

proportion = $\frac{65.123 - 60.748}{14} = 0.3125$, percentage $\approx 31\%$

Q2g $\frac{y-20}{16} = \sin \frac{\pi x}{14}$, $\frac{y'-28}{18} = \sin \frac{\pi(x-k)}{7}$

$\therefore y' = \frac{9}{8}y + \frac{11}{2}$, $x' = \frac{1}{2}x + k$

$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$, $\therefore a = \frac{1}{2}$, $c = k$, $b = \frac{9}{8}$, $d = \frac{11}{2}$

Q3a $\Pr(L < 0) \approx 0.0062$

Q3b $\Pr(L > 15) \approx 0.1056$

Q3ci $\Pr(C = 0) \approx 0.006$, $\Pr(C = 200) \approx 0.106$

$\therefore \Pr(C = 100) \approx 1 - 0.006 - 0.106 = 0.888$

Q3cii $E(C) \approx 0 \times 0.006 + 100 \times 0.888 + 200 \times 0.106 = 110$

Q3ciii $\text{Var}(C) \approx 100^2 \times 0.888 + 200^2 \times 0.106 - 110^2 = 1020$

$\text{sd}(C) = \sqrt{1020} \approx 32$

Q3di $\hat{p} = \frac{43}{1000} = 0.043$, $\text{sd}(\hat{p}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{0.043(1-0.043)}{1000}} \approx 0.0064149$

$0.043 \mp 1.96 \times 0.0064149 \approx 0.030, 0.056$

95% confidence interval (0.030, 0.056)

Q3dii The interval (0.030, 0.056) suggests that

p (at Mathsland Concert Hall) $\neq \hat{p} = 0.043$ because p (at the Mathsland Concert Hall) is outside the interval.

Q3e $E(M) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{8x}{(x+2)^3} dx = 8 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x+2-2}{(x+2)^3} dx$
 $= 8 \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{x+2}{(x+2)^3} - \frac{2}{(x+2)^3} \right) dx = 8 \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(x+2)^2} - \frac{2}{(x+2)^3} \right) dx$
 $= 8 \left[-\frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^2} \right]_0^{\infty} = 8 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 2$

Q3fi $\Pr(M > 15) = \int_{15}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(x+2)^3} dx = 8 \left[-\frac{1}{2(x+2)^2} \right]_{15}^{\infty} = \frac{4}{289}$

Q3fii Required probability = $\left(1 - \frac{4}{289}\right)^9 \left(\frac{4}{289}\right) \approx 0.0122$

Q3fiii $\Pr(M < 20 | M > 15) = \frac{\Pr(15 < M < 20)}{\Pr(M > 15)}$

$\Pr(15 < M < 20) = \int_{15}^{20} \frac{8}{(x+2)^3} dx = 8 \left[-\frac{1}{2(x+2)^2} \right]_{15}^{20} \approx 0.005576$

$\therefore \Pr(M < 20 | M > 15) \approx \frac{0.005576}{\frac{4}{289}} \approx 0.403$

Q4a Area of shaded region = $2 \int_0^2 x(x-2)(x-4) dx = 8$

Q4b Amount = $4 \times 120000 + 4 \times 100000 = 880000$ dollars

Q4c $x-4 + \frac{4}{1+a} = x-2$, $\frac{4}{1+a} = 2$, $a = 1$

Q4d $p(x) = x \left(x-4 + \frac{4}{1+a} \right) (x-4)$

By CAS $p'(x) = 3x^2 + \left(-16 + \frac{8}{1+a} \right) x + 16 - \frac{16}{1+a}$

Let $p'(x) = 0$, solve by CAS $x = \frac{4(2a+1) \pm 4\sqrt{a^2+a+1}}{3(a+1)}$

Q4e $p(x) = x \left(x-4 + \frac{4}{1+a} \right) (x-4) \geq -4$ at the second turning point

where $p'(x) = 0$, i.e. at $x = \frac{4(2a+1) + 4\sqrt{a^2+a+1}}{3(a+1)}$

$p \left(\frac{4(2a+1) + 4\sqrt{a^2+a+1}}{3(a+1)} \right) \geq -4$, \therefore smallest $a \approx 0.716$ by CAS

Q4f $p(x) = x \left(x-4 + \frac{4}{1+a} \right) (x-4)$

x -intercepts: $x = 0, 4$ and $x-4 + \frac{4}{1+a} = 0$, i.e. $x = 4 - \frac{4}{1+a}$

By CAS $A_{total}(a) = \int_0^{4-\frac{4}{1+a}} p(x) dx - \int_{4-\frac{4}{1+a}}^4 p(x) dx = \frac{64(1+2a+2a^3+a^4)}{3(1+a)^4}$

and let $A'_{total}(a) = 0$, $a = 1$



Q4g By CAS

$$C_{total}(a) = 120000 \int_0^{4-\frac{4}{1+a}} p(x) dx - 100000 \int_{4-\frac{4}{1+a}}^4 p(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{128000(5 + 10a + 12a^3 + 6a^4)}{3(1+a)^4}$$

and let $C'_{total}(a) = 0$, $a \approx 0.886$

Q5a $y = g(x) = 2 \log_e x$, inverse: $x = 2 \log_e y$, $y = g^{-1}(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}}$

Q5b $y = f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}}$, $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{x}{2}} = 1$, $x = 2 \log_e 2$, $y = 2$,
 $A(2 \log_e 2, 2)$

Q5c $\frac{y-2}{x-2 \log_e 2} = -1$, $y = -x + 2 \log_e 2 + 2$

Q5d B is the inverse of A , $B(2, 2 \log_e 2)$.

Q5e $y = -x + 2 \log_e 2 + 2$

Intercepts: $(0, 2 \log_e 2 + 2)$ and $(2 \log_e 2 + 2, 0)$

Area of shaded region

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2 \log_e 2 + 2)^2 - 2 \int_0^{2 \log_e 2} (-x + 2 \log_e 2 + 2 - e^{\frac{x}{2}}) dx$$

$$= -2(\log_e 2)^2 - 4 \log_e 2 + 6$$

Q5f $p(x) = e^{kx}$, let $p'(x) = ke^{kx} = 1$, $x = \frac{1}{k} \log_e \frac{1}{k}$

$q(x) = \frac{1}{k} \log_e x$, let $q'(x) = \frac{1}{kx} = 1$, $x = \frac{1}{k}$

Since $\frac{1}{k} \log_e \frac{1}{k} = \frac{1}{k}$, $\therefore k = \frac{1}{e}$

Q5g $p'(x) = ke^{kx}$, $p'(0) = k$

$q(x) = \frac{1}{k} \log_e x = 0$, $x = 1$, $q'(x) = \frac{1}{kx}$, $q'(1) = \frac{1}{k}$

Parallel: $k = \frac{1}{k}$, $k = 1$

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